

II. Remarks

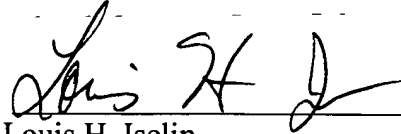
Claims 1-80 were pending in the Application. Claims 24-25 have been amended. Claims 1-80 remain pending in the Application.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment to the Specification be entered into the record. Applicants have corrected a typographical error. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants also respectfully request that the Amendments to claims 24-25 be entered into the record. Applicants have corrected the claim dependency for claims 24-25. As filed, system claims 24-25 incorrectly depended from independent device claim 10. Independent device claim 10 is not within the claim chain for dependent system claims 24-25. Applicants have thus corrected the dependency to independent system claim 14, which starts the claim chain that includes claims 24-25. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment, and this amendment is not made in response to any art or rejection.

Should any questions arise as to the entry or material in this Preliminary Amendment, a telephone call is requested.

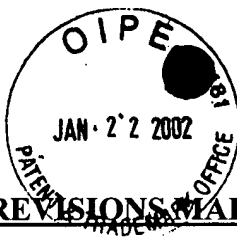
Respectfully submitted,

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REVISIONS MADE TO THE SPECIFICATION AND THE CLAIMS

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Figs. 34 and 35 illustrate flowcharts of embodiments of methods for removing a device from a computer system once the device has been united with the computer system using [a] an introduced bit, according to various aspects of the present invention;

24. (Amended) The computer system of claim [10] 14, wherein the biometric data are taken from the group consisting of: a fingerprint or thumbprint, hand geometry, voice print, retinal scan, facial scan, body odor, ear shape, DNA profile, keystroke dynamics, pen stroke dynamics, and vein checking.

25. (Amended) The computer system of claim [10] 14, wherein the master device includes a processor, a north bridge, or a south bridge.